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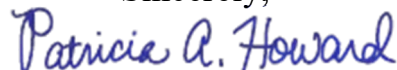
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Re: The State v. Richard A. Murdaugh  
Appellate Case No. 2024-000576

Dear Counsel:

This responds to the State's motion to retract its conditional objection and to unseal and remove restrictions as to the *in camera* hearing transcript pertaining to Juror 785. On June 8, 2026, Chief Justice Kittredge issued an order appointing Judge Debra R. McCaslin with exclusive jurisdiction to hear all motions arising from indictments 2022-GS-15-00592, 2022-GS-15-00593, 2022-GS-15-00594, and 2022-GS-15-00595. Because the State's motion arises from the indictments referenced in the order of appointment, the motion falls to Judge McCaslin, and no action will be taken on the motion by this Court.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Debra R. McCaslin